



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

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Minutes

April 5, 2018 – 7:00pm

HCTV Center, 19 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, NH 03051
Downstairs Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order** at 7:02 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Paula Hubert.
3. **Attendance:** Ralph Alio, Chairman Jim Barnes, Ann Desrosiers, Dick Empey, Paula Hubert, Jack Madden, and Dave Morin
Excused: Mark Boulger and John Leone
4. **Public Input**
Tom Murphy came before the committee to volunteer his services for maintaining the trails on weekends. Dick spoke with him after the meeting to discuss options.
5. **Approval of Minutes**
**Ralph made a motion to accept the minutes of March 1, 2018; Dick seconded the motion. All in Favor – Six (6)
One (1) Abstention**
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Dog Park Subcommittee, Rules, and Regulations**
The Animal Control Ofc., Jana McMillan came before the committee to explain State Laws and Town Ordinances and how they compare/contract with the signage at the Dog Park. Our Dog Park is self-policing. One of the Animal's Control Ofc's duties is to act upon dogs who bite people. Dogs entering the park should be socialized for situations with other dogs. Since our park indicates "Enter at Your Own Risk," dog vs. dog is a common, minor occurrence. The incident would be investigated, and if necessary "Trespassing would be Enforced." A Dog Park Sub-committee consisting of Joe Undercofler and Jack Madden will consult with Ofc. McMillan as they restructure the rules and regulations for new signage at the Dog Park.

A suggestion was made to produce a video which would inform and train dog owner's about interpreting their pets' behavior and the guidelines for unleashing their pets in the small enclosure areas before entering the main fenced in area. (How to Training Session)

Dog waste issues continue to be a serious problem. Larger and additional receptacles were recommended. The Parks and Rec Department has been

created, and one person has been hired who would be available to address waste issues.

- b. **Last Cast Fishing Derby** – June 2 has been confirmed
- c. **Artists in the Park Day** is scheduled for May 19.
- d. **Restroom Facility** – Next Steps
A sub-committee will be formed over the next few months to create an RFP which will be brought before our committee and then to the Board of Selectman.
- e. **Office Building Project**
The project has been essentially completed, and the grant monies have been received by the town. A suggestion was made to continue with the main color presently on the structure.
- f. **Haselton Barn Security/Repairs**
The Board of Selectmen have met with the DOT and are awaiting a response. Cameras have not been installed since the meeting with the HFD and the HPD has not occurred at this time. The committee is waiting to hear back from Steve Bedard.
- g. **Park Walk-through** – April 7
- h. **Volunteer Clean-up Day** – April 21
Alvirne High School has been contacted so that students may have the opportunity to acquire Community Service Hours. The Kiwanis and the Rotary Club are interested in becoming involved with park activities.
Immense raking and the removal of branches & limbs will be the focus of the first Clean-up Day for 2018.

7. **New Business**

- FoBP Televised Fund Raiser will take place on April 29 at 7 P.M. on HCTV.
- There will be an Earth Day event at the A-Frame on Sunday, April 22.

8. **Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members**

- Ethan Belair of UNH will schedule a visit to the park to identify the flora and fauna on the property. He is also interested in coordinating an Educational Day for kids at the park during the summer. There may be a possibility for the Alvirne High School Forestry Instructor to also share his expertise.
- Barrels should be returning to the park shortly before the April 21 Clean-up Day.

a. **Next meeting date – April 19**

b. **Volunteer Cleanup – April 21**

9. **Adjournment** at 7:52 P.M.

Paula made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jack; All in Favor.